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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Legislative Program for the
First Session of the 99th Congress

Reference is made to your memorandum of 25 July on this subject.

The Department of Defense submits the attached draft bill for inclusion in the Intelligence Community's legislative program for the first session of the 99th Congress. The purpose of the proposal is to clarify DoD's statutory authority to take certain actions necessary to the establishment of unofficial cover for its foreign intelligence and counterintelligence operations.

Similar language had been included in the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1984, but was taken out by both Congressional Intelligence Committees due to the lack of prior consideration by either Committee. The Army, who has the greatest stake in this proposal, has subsequently made contacts with the staffs of both Committees, who now appear receptive to (and indeed, have encouraged us to submit) such legislation.

The absence of clear statutory authority in this area is presently hampering DoD's intelligence-gathering functions. We would appreciate, therefore, any efforts made by you and the DCI in support of this proposal.

The Department also strongly supports the enactment of legislation which would provide criminal penalties for the willful disclosure of classified information by Federal employees and others having authorized access to classified information. (your Legislative Item 99/1-10).

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As stated

cc: Mr. Cox
Gen. Stilwell

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